

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Good Neighbor Environmental Board

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1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Good Neighbor Environmental Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

1942

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/20/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/20/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

7 USC SECTION 5404, EO 12916 and EO 13811

13. Effective Date

09/12/1994

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

Yes

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss and approve the Board's annual letter to the President, which focusses on energy infrastructure along the U.S. Mexico border.	12/19/2018	12/19/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board issues an annual report to the President on environmental and infrastructure needs along the U.S. border with Mexico. These reports incorporate public input from its border-community meetings as well as its diverse membership. Environmental issues along the border are greatly complicated by other issues such as immigration, security, cultural diversity, poverty, cross-border trade, and other issues. The Board is uniquely positioned to identify current and emerging issues of concern within this complicated policy arena, and advise the federal government on how best to allocate its resources to address these concerns. To accomplish its purpose, the Board maintains a close working relationship with the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the President's environmental advisor. Within EPA, the Board maintains a partnership relationship with the Agency's Border 2020 Program and EPA's regional offices serving as both an information resource and as an objective provider of feedback. Thus, its recommendations have a direct effect on Agency operations. The committee is currently in the process of appointing new members. The committee plans to begin meeting after appointments have been made.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board was created by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992 (7 U.S. Code Section 5404) to advise the President and the Congress concerning environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico. The Act requires that Board membership include representatives from USDA and other appropriate U.S. Government agencies; from the governments of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and from private organizations, including community development, academic, health, environmental, and other nongovernmental entities involved with environmental and infrastructure problems along the southwest border.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee is currently in the process of appointing new members. The committee plans to begin meeting after appointments have been made, at which time the GNEB will start work on the upcoming report to the President. The committee expects to meet approximately three times a year. Meetings may occur every four months or as needed and approved by the DFO. Meetings may be held by combination of face-to-face and teleconference.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board was established pursuant to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 5404 and Executive Order 12916. The GNEB is currently operating under the authority given in Executive Order 13811 dated September 29, 2017.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

Designated Federal Officer

Ann-Marie Gantner DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Antone, Cornelius	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Environmental Protection Office Manager, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, AZ	Representative Member
Collins, Kimberly	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Professor, Department of Public Administrations, California State University San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA	Representative Member
Correa, Sylvia	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: International Environmental Program Specialist, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Drago, Leonard	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Ombudsman/Tribal Liaison, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Phoenix, AZ	Representative Member
Early, Bryan	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Advisor to Chair Hochschild on Mexico Collaboration, California Energy Commission, Sacramento, CA	Representative Member
Freeark, Michelle	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Executive Director of Legal and Corporate Services, Arizona Generation & Transmission Cooperatives, Inc., Benson, AZ	Representative Member
Ganster, Paul	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Director, Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA	Representative Member
Goolsby, Tiffany	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Senior Planner, South Central Council of Governments, Mesilla, NM	Representative Member
Grijalva, Sylvia	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: U.S.-Mexico Border Planning Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Chandler, AZ	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Harkins, Jayne	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Commissioner, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jereza, Catherine	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Juarez-Carrillo, Patricia	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Coordinator/Research Associate, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, TX	Representative Member
Kozo, Justine	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Chief, Office of Border Health, Public Health Services, County of San Diego, HHSA, San Diego, CA	Representative Member

Lee, Erik	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Executive Director, North American Research Partnership, Sierra Vista, AZ	Representative Member
Lopez, Mario	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: External Affairs Manager, IEnova, San Diego, CA	Representative Member
Lucero, Gregory	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: City Council Memeber, City of Nogales, Nogales, AZ	Representative Member
Lucero, Lawrence	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Senior Director of Government and External Affairs, Tucson Electric Power Company, Tucson, AZ	Representative Member
Niermann, Jonathan	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, TX	Representative Member
Payne, Jeffrey	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Charleston, SC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Perez, Raul	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Executive Director of Economic Development, Maverick County Development Corporation, Eagle Pass, TX	Representative Member
Pohlman, Teresa	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Executive Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Quam, Hillary	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Border Affairs Coordinator, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Roy, Rob	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Environmental Director, Environmental Protector Office, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Pauma Valley, CA	Representative Member
Salinas, Salvador	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: State conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Temple, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sussman, Soll	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Managing Director, S cubed Studio, Austin, TX	Representative Member
Sweedler, Alan	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Professor Emeritus, Sustainability Advisory Board, Del Mar, CA	Representative Member
Westmoreland, Brent	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Executive Director, Camino Real Regional Utility Authority, Sunland Park, NM	Representative Member
Wilder, Margaret	12/14/2018	03/31/2020	Tier 1: Associate Professor, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 28

Narrative Description

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB) reports to the President; it does not solely report to the EPA. Therefore, its recommendations implicitly apply to EPA as well as other federal agencies. The GNEB supports both EPA's mission and the Administrator's priorities. It supports the protection of human health and the environment through providing recommendations on how the federal government can most effectively leverage its resources for maximum environmental protection along the U.S. border with Mexico. Through the diverse nature of its membership and the networks the members maintain, the GNEB is able to strengthen and build partnerships throughout the border region with multiple local and state stakeholders, federal agencies and Mexican sister agencies, as well as Tribes. To accomplish this task, the GNEB maintains a close working relationship with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the President's environmental advisor. Within EPA, the GNEB maintains a relationship with the Agency's

Border 2020 Program, serving as both an information resource and as an objective provider of feedback. The committee is currently in the process of appointing new members. The committee plans to begin meeting after appointments have been made.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Increased understanding of the role of binational cooperation in addressing environmental challenges along the U.S.-Mexico border. Although the Board advises the U.S. President, its mission is to examine environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S.-Mexico border. Since environmental issues in the region span the international boundary, solving problems and identifying opportunities through binational cooperation has become a major thread that is woven throughout the Board's advice.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

The recommendations the Board makes tend to call for broad institutional and policy changes that should be taken by numerous federal agencies that have environmental and

infrastructure programs in the U.S. - Mexico border region. In some cases, the recommendation is in the form of cooperation and partnerships between the United States and Mexico. This process often is incremental and takes place over a long time frame and therefore is difficult to measure.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

328

Number of Recommendations Comments

CEQ, in conjunction with the Board, selects the topics for its annual report to the President. Topics and level of specificity of recommendations has varied widely, but in general cover actions related to major environmental concerns including air, water, and waste as well as cross-cutting actions including collaboration and communication. Earlier reports tended to have many recommendations in numerous areas. More recently, reports have focused on a single topic, thereby allowing the Board to be more specific in its recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

60%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Because the Board's recommendations are broad, involve multiple partners, and are submitted with the recognition that full implementation will take multiple years, will occur incrementally, and should be based on sustainability, it is difficult to determine an exact percentage of its recommendations that have been fully implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

40%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Board's annual reports are widely distributed throughout federal government agencies as well as numerous other organizations in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Increasingly, those who help to shape U.S. environmental policies are referring to the Board's work during their deliberations and their on-the-ground projects to improve environmental quality in the border region. Board members from participating federal agencies regularly report out on progress being made in their respective agencies.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the President's environmental advisor, writes a response letter to the recommendations on behalf of the President.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

As stated above, it is difficult to draw a direct line between the Board's recommendations and actions taken within the federal government. However, the Board's advice and the background information it provides to support its advice increasingly are being referenced by media, academic organizations, government programs, and other institutions.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not Applicable